

## **MEMORANDUM**

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11630200005 -- St. Clair County Sauget Sites (Area 1) -- Sauget

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On May 31, 1990, representatives from IEPA and IAGO met with the Area I PRP group to discuss the status of the Area I RI/FS.

At the last meeting, held on March 22, IEPA was asked to review title search documents prepared by Monsanto in order to include landowners as PRPs. With inclusion of these parties, it was understood that this group would bring an RI/FS proposal into the negotiations. All current landowners of Sites G, H, I. L. and Creek Segments A and B have been notified as well as parties who had owned property at these sites during the periods of disposal.

Monsanto, speaking on behalf of themselves only, stated that an Area I RI/FS was not possible at this time because most of their efforts were focused on studies performed in Area II. In addition, they believed that Area II sites deserved more attention because of the "health aspect" and that the PRP group of Area I was not yet fully developed. Cerro Copper, on the other hand, has shown a willingness to IEPA to take the lead in the Area I group and to perform the entire RI/FS, but does not appear to have the support of the PRP group.

The Area I PRP group had been made aware in all previous meetings that if an agreement could not be reached for a PRP-funded RI/FS, the State would perform the study. In this meeting, it was made clear that IEPA now intends to perform the action with both state and federal funding because of the lack of progress in these negotiations. The group was also told that IEPA has notified USEPA to assign a project manager to begin tracking these negotiations and that when the Sauget Sites are listed, they would become two state-lead sites.

In the event that IEPA proceeds with the RI/FS, Site G and Creek Segment B would receive the highest priority because of imminent health hazards and their proximity to a residential area. The group did not appear to be opposed to an Area I RI/FS performed by the State, but indicated that every effort will be made to provide IEPA with more information to notify additional PRPs



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in order to quickly accelerate negotiations. A meeting to discuss inclusion of what this group believes to be additional PRPs has been scheduled for June 6.

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